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The Labor Market Report

TENNESSEE

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DATA FOR OCTOBER 1981

Tennessee rate jumps. The October unemployment rate jumped to 8.5 percent of the state's 2,097,400 member labor force--an increase of 0.5 percent since September.

U. S. Unemployment also increases. Unemployment across the nation rose 0.2 percent to 7.5 percent in October. Last October, the U. S. rate was 7.1 percent.

Manufacturing losses push nonag employment down. Losses amounting to 9,600 jobs were partially recovered by gains of 4,200 among nonmanufacturing industries, making the net change in total nonagricultural employment a decrease of 5,400 persons. The drop in manufacturing employment can be partially explained by the completion of Christmas orders, together with the continued effects of high interest rates on demand for durable goods. The nonmanufacturing increases were led by state and local government, where schools opening were responsible for 5,500 additional jobs in October.

Stewart, Williamson Counties have rate extremes. The highest unemployment rate in Tennessee was reported by Stewart County with 32.8 percent--up 0.3 percent since September. Meanwhile, the state's lowest rate dropped 0.3 percent during the month; Williamson County's rate fell from 4.4 percent in September to 4.1 percent in October.

Initial claims, trust fund up. The state's initial claims rose 8,811 between September and October to 46,255. The trust fund balance increased $1.1 million to $160 million this month. Continued weeks claimed fell 16,671 to 208,214, while the average weekly benefit held steady at $83.

CPI increase slight. The Consumer Price Index continued to increase during October, but at a slower pace--it rose 0.2 percent to 279.9 during the month. The increase from October 1980 has been 10.2 percent, with the highest single cost increase in services (14.6 percent).

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STATEWIDE

HELP FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANNERS

As publishers of Tennessee Data for Affirmative Action Plans we continually receive requests from employers for help in completing their affirmation action plans. While we do our best to help, we are not trained specialists in Affirmative Action policies. We were delighted therefore to learn that the Tennessee Commission for Human Development has a governor's special grant to provide the kind of technical assistance to employers that we cannot give. Below is a list of some of the Commission's services, as taken from their grant proposal:

-Provide technical assistance in the development and/or assessment of affirmative action plans for employers, including the following areas:

a) recruitment
b) selection, appointment and placement
c) employee benefits
d) classification and compensation
e) training
f) transfer and upward mobility performance appraisal
g) discipline and termination
h) grievance disposition

-Assist in the development of a training program for employers, covering such areas as:

a) legal requirements
b) lawful selection methods
c) the employer's Affirmative Action Plan and individual managers' responsibities.

-Upon request, the Affirmative Action staff will coordinate a training workshop and provide individual instruction in Affirmative Action Programs and Fair Employment Practice Laws.

-Workshops, seminars and conferences to eliminate discrimination and to foster goodwill and cooperation among all elements of the state's population are conducted by the Affirmative Action staff.

The Commission is located at 535 Church Street in Nashville (37219). Their phone number is (615) 741-5825. The program's contact person is Robert Meadows.

CPS LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
TENNESSEE STATEWIDE LABOR MARKET AREA
(In thousands)

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	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Change From Sept. 1981 Net	Change From Sept. 1981 %	Change From Oct. 1980 Net	Change From Oct. 1980 %
Civilian Labor Force	2,097.4	2,091.1	2,015.8	+6.3	+0.2	+81.6	+4.0
Employment 1/	1,918.7	1,925.2	1,898.2	-6.5	-0.3	+20.5	+1.2
Unemployment	178.7	167.9	119.6	+10.8	+6.4	+59.1	+49.0
Percent of Labor Force	8.5	8.0	6.0	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
U. S. Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.3	7.1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Weekly Hours Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Hourly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980
All Manufacturing	$270.52	$272.45	$249.60	39.9	39.6	40.0	$6.78	$6.88	$6.24
Durable Goods	237.28	280.50	262.55	40.1	39.9	40.2	6.69	7.03	6.49
Lumber & Wood Products	185.83	185.33	180.40	37.7	37.4	37.9	5.03	4.95	4.76
Furniture & Fixtures	227.66	218.99	200.55	40.8	39.6	39.4	5.58	5.53	5.09
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	355.62	375.20	358.[illegible]	41.3	42.3	43.6	8.[illegible]	8.83	8.[illegible]
Primary Metal Products	389.64	420.43	354.[illegible]	39.1	40.7	40.4	9.96	10.33	8.77
Fabricated Metal Products	283.28	303.22	284.93	39.9	40.7	41.1	7.35	7.45	6.86
Machinery, Incl. Elect.	259.90	258.65	249.26	40.8	39.4	40.2	6.37	6.56	6.20
Instru. & Related Prod.	206.57	228.38	212.13	35.8	38.6	39.6	5.77	6.24	5.31
Nondurable Goods	264.92	264.69	239.99	39.6	39.1	39.5	6.64	6.73	6.03
Food & Kindred Prod.	283.50	283.39	247.66	40.5	40.6	39.1	7.00	6.98	6.27
Textile Mill Products	226.74	218.40	203.41	41.3	40.0	40.8	5.49	5.46	5.01
Apparel	165.56	134.90	161.74	35.3	33.6	37.1	4.69	4.61	4.36
Paper & Allied Prod.	346.06	353.93	315.67	42.1	43.3	42.6	8.22	8.27	7.41
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	386.21	407.02	334.96	41.8	43.3	40.7	9.24	9.40	8.23
Rubber & Plastic Prod.	311.33	307.91	289.49	41.4	41.5	42.2	7.52	7.42	6.86
Leather & Leather Prod.	211.93	215.35	200.08	40.6	38.6	41.0	5.22	5.32	4.88

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

INDUSTRY	October 1981	September 1981	October 1980	No. Change Sept. 1981 To Oct. 1981	No. Change Oct. 1980 To Oct. 1981
TOTAL	1,726.8	1,732.2	1,734.6	- 5.4	- 7.8
Manufacturing	516.1	525.7	502.3	- 9.6	+13.8
Durable Goods	227.9	232.6	222.2	- 4.7	+ 5.7
Lumber	18.7	18.7	18.3	- 1.0	+ .4
Furniture and Fixtures	24.6	24.8	22.4	- .2	+ 2.2
Stone, Clay & Glass	14.3	14.6	14.7	- .3	- .4
Primary Metal Industries	19.8	20.0	19.2	- .2	+ .6
Fabricated Metal Products	30.9	32.0	33.9	- 1.1	- 3.0
Non-Electrical Machinery	34.3	34.8	35.0	- .5	- .7
Electrical Machinery	45.1	45.7	39.4	- .6	+ 5.7
Transportation Equipment	22.3	23.1	22.2	- .8	+ .1
Precision Instruments & Ordnance	6.3	6.2	6.2	+ .1	+ .1
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11.6	11.7	10.9	- .1	+ .7
Nondurable Goods	288.2	293.1	280.1	- 4.9	+ 8.1
Food Products	40.0	40.8	38.9	- .8	+ 1.1
Meat Products	7.3	7.5	7.5	- .2	- .2
Dairy Products	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	0
Tobacco	1.5	1.4	1.2	+ .1	+ .3
Textile Mills	27.2	27.5	27.1	- .3	+ .1
Knitting Mills	12.6	12.6	12.2	0	+ .4
Yarn & Thread Mills	2.6	2.7	2.8	- .1	- .2
Apparel	70.3	70.4	68.9	- .1	+ 1.4
Paper	20.1	20.9	18.7	- .8	+ 1.4
Printing & Publishing	27.1	27.2	26.0	- .1	+ 1.1
Chemicals	57.7	59.1	57.5	- 1.4	+ .2
Ind. Inorganic & Organic Chem.	23.3	23.5	23.8	- .2	- .6
Petroleum Refining, Etc.	.8	.8	.7	0	+ .1
Rubber	21.0	21.5	20.5	- .5	+ .5
Leather	22.5	23.1	20.6	- .6	+ 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	1,210.7	1,206.5	1,232.3	+ 4.2	-21.6
Mining	11.1	11.1	10.9	0	+ .2
Construction	73.6	73.0	77.0	+ .6	- 3.4
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	61.5	62.1	64.3	- .6	- 2.8
Trade	367.7	368.2	371.7	- .5	- 4.0
Wholesale Trade	104.0	103.8	107.6	+ .2	- 2.9
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	64.1	63.4	64.1	+ .7	0
Retail Trade	40.6	40.4	43.5	+ .2	- 2.9
Retail General Merchandise	263.0	264.4	264.1	- 1.4	- 1.1
Finance Insurance & Real Estate	77.4	77.0	77.4	+ .4	0
Banking	25.8	26.0	27.7	- .2	- 1.9
Insurance Carriers	26.6	26.5	26.5	+ .1	+ .1
Services	19.1	19.3	19.9	0	- .6
Government	300.7	296.9	293.1	+ 1.2	+ 2.3
Federal	69.6	71.3	72.2	- 1.7	- 2.6
State & Local	231.1	225.6	246.0	+ 5.5	-14.9

CHATTANOOGA SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Total nonagricultural employmnet dropped a slight 200 (0.1%) to 165,400 between September and October as manufacturing losses were partially offset by gains in nonmanufacturing. Only two manufacturing industries showed a change in employment--fabricated metal products lost 300 (3.9%) in a layoff, and stone, clay and glass fell 100 (5.3%). On the nonmanufacturing side, a net gain of 200 was the result of gains in state and local government (400, or 1.7%)--primarily school employment--and finance insurance and real estate (100, or 1.1%), coupled with seasonal decreases in mining (100, or 7.7%) and construction (100, or 1.6%).

OVER THE YEAR Chattanooga area employment is down 1,800 (1.1%) from its October, 1980, level, with both sectors reporting decreases. The largest manufacturing loss occurred in fabricated metal products (700, or 8.8%) whose products are somewhat tied to the auto industry. Other significant declines were posted by apparel (200, or 15.4%) and chemicals (200, or 3.4%). Sector increases were led by textile mill products (300, or 2.6%) which is enjoying improved market conditions, and followed by food products (200, or 4.0%). Nonmanufacturing increases were headlined by state and local government (400, or 1.7%) due to expanded public services. Retail trade and finance, insurance and real eatate each added 100 over the year. Decreases included federal government (1,100, or 11.2%)--caused by completion of a TVA construction project, and construction (300, or 4.6%) which is suffering from high interest rates.

UNEMPLOYMENT The SMSA labor force rose 1,400 (0.7%) to 192,900 persons during the month, while an additional 900 (0.5%) left the ranks of the employed. This combination pushed the unemployment total up 2,300 (15.9%) and resulted in a rate increase from 7.6 percent in September to 8.7 percent in October. Last October, unemployment was 7.0 percent of a 189,700 member labor force.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Avege weekly earnings increased $5.93 during October to $274.59 based on an additional 0.1 hour worked per week and an average hourly increase of $.13. The durable goods sector posted a decline in average weekly earnings of $10.17 due to a workweek shortened by 1.0 hour. An earnings increase in the nondurable goods sector of $17.6 was caused primarily by a $31.28 increase in textile mill products.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

C	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Changes From: Sept. 1981 Oct. 1981 Net	%	Oct. 1980 Oct. 1981 Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	192.9	191.5	189.7	+1.4	+ .7	+3.2	+1.7
Unemployment	16.8	14.5	13.3	+2.3	+15.9	3.5	26.3
Percent of Labor Force	8.7	7.6	7.0	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	176.1	177.0	176.4	- .9	- .5	- .3	- .2

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

C	Average Weekly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Weekly Hours Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Hourly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980
All Manufacturing	$274.59	$268.66	$256.07	40.5	40.4	40.2	$6.78	$6.65	$6.37
Durable Goods	285.25	295.42	288.66	38.6	39.6	40.8	7.39	7.46	7.07
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	321.79	299.03	289.18	39.1	37.1	38.0	8.23	8.06	7.61
Iron & Steel Foundries	240.24	269.35	270.00	33.6	37.1	40.0	7.15	7.26	6.75
Fabricated Metal Products	254.24	374.69	350.65	41.0	42.1	42.4	8.64	8.90	8.27
Machinery, Except Electrical	274.99	260.22	299.90	38.3	38.*	42.6	7.18	6.83	7.04
Nondurable Goods	266.68	249.08	231.45	41.8	40.9	39.7	6.38	6.09	5.83
Textile Mill Products	243.85	212.57	201.96	43.7	42.6	40.8	5.58	4.99	4.95
Knitting Mills	176.02	163.90	163.07	38.1	35.4	38.1	4.62	4.63	4.28
Paper & Allied Prod.	336.73	288.40	301.86	44.6	38.3	43.0	7.55	7.53	7.02
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	377.94	371.36	343.19	41.9	41.4	41.7	9.02	8.97	8.23

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

C INDUSTRY	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Net Change Sept. 1981 to Oct. 1981	Net Change Oct. 1980 to Oct. 1981
TOTAL	165.4	165.6	167.2	-.2	-1.8
Manufacturing	48.9	49.3	49.8	-.4	- .9
Durable Goods	20.8	21.2	21.9	-.4	-1.1
Lumber (except furniture)	.7	.7	.7	0	0
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.9	2.0	2.0	-.1	- .1
Primary Metals	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- .1
Fabricated Metal Prod.	7.3	7.6	8.0	-.3	- .7
Machinery (except elec.)	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- .1
All Other	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- .1
Nondurable Goods	28.1	28.1	27.9	0	+ .2
Food Products	5.2	5.2	5.0	0	+ .2
Textile Mill Products	11.8	11.8	11.5	0	+ .3
Knitting Mills	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ .2
Apparel	1.1	1.1	1.3	0	- .2
Paper Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ .1
Printing and Publishing	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Chemicals	5.7	5.7	5.9	0	- .2
All Other	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nonmanufacturing	116.5	116.3	117.4	+.2	- .9
Mining	1.2	1.3	1.2	-.1	0
Construction	6.2	6.3	6.5	-.1	- .3
Trans., Comm., and Pub. Util.	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- .1
Trade	32.4	32.4	32.3	0	+ .1
Wholesale Trade	8.3	8.3	8.3	0	0
Wholesale Durable Goods	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0
Retail Trade	24.1	24.1	24.0	0	+ .1
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	9.4	9.3	9.3	+.1	+ .1
Service	27.5	27.5	27.5	0	0
Government	32.6	32.3	33.1	+.3	- .7
Federal	8.7	8.8	9.8	-.1	-1.1
State and Local	23.9	23.5	23.5	+.4	+ .4

Includes Hamilton, Marion, Sequatchie Counties, Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia.

KNOXVILLE SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Knoxville's nonagricultural employment showed a net change of zero in October, with manufacturing losses exactly offset by nonmanufacturing gains. The biggest manufacturing decrease occurred in apparel, which dropped 400 (4.8%) in a permanent layoff. Smaller losses of 100 each were posted by nonelectrical machinery, all other durable goods, and food products. There were no gains in the sector. Several nonmanufacturing industries reported gains in October--the largest was in state and local government (400, or 0.9%) which reflects the university's fall quarter employment. Another significant increase came in trade (300, or 0.7%) as industries there geared up for Christmas. The only nonmanufacturing loss recorded was construction, which dropped 100 (0.9%) in a seasonal slowdown.

OVER THE YEAR - Total employment is down 600 (0.3%) since October, 1980, with both sectors posting net losses. The most significant manufacturing decrease was in apparel (400, or 4.8%), due to the layoff mentioned above. The only yearly increase came in lumber (200, or 18.2%) where small gains were spread across the industry. The largest nonmanufacturing increase was recorded in trade (1,500, or 3.6%), primarily because of World's Fair preparations. Services employment also increased significantly, adding 600 (1.9%) over the year. The sector's biggest decrease occurred in state and local government, where budget restraints caused the loss of 2,600 jobs (7.1%) since last October.

UNEMPLOYMENT This month's labor force--221,700--is up 200 over the September total, while total employment is down 700 in the same period. The resulting increase in unemployment pushed the rate from 6.6 percent to 7.0 percent in October. Last year, unemployment was 5.3 percent of a 215,000 member labor force.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings decreased $10.18 from September's figure to $298.70. Durable goods average earnings dropped $42.94 with a $.59 decline in average hourly earnings and a 2.2 hour decline in average weekly hours. Stone, clay and glass products had the largest decrease in earnings: $1.29 per hour. Nondurable goods posted an increase in both average hours of 0.6 hour and average earnings of $.08 per hour.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	OCTOBER 1981	SEPTEMBER 1981	OCTOBER 1980	Changes From: SEPT 1981 Net	SEPT 1981 %	OCT 1980 Net	OCT 1980 %
Civilian Labor Force	221.7	221.5	215.0	+0.2	+0.1	+6.7	+ 3.1
Unemployment	15.6	14.7	11.5	+0.9	+6.1	+4.1	+35.7
Percent of Labor Force	7.0	6.6	5.3				
Total Employment	206.1	206.8	203.5	-0.7	-0.3	+2.6	+ 1.3

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Weekly Hours Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Hourly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980
All Manufacturing	$298.70	$308.88	$280.60	39.2	39.6	40.2	$7.62	$7.80	$6.98
Durable Goods	330.33	373.27	320.33	30.0	41.2	40.6	8.47	9.06	7.89
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	376.06	433.26	337.90	41.1	41.5	43.6	9.15	10.44	7.75
Machinery, Exc. Elect.	288.70	296.84	264.62	41.4	41.0	40.9	6.96	7.24	6.47
Nondurable Goods	281.71	274.32	258.55	39.4	38.8	39.9	7.15	7.07	6.48
Food and Kindred Prod.	247.93	253.60	244.06	42.6	43.8	44.7	5.82	5.79	5.46
Textile Mill Prod.	189.76	190.81	187.11	39.1	39.1	40.3	4.84	4.88	4.62
Apparel & Other Tex. Pr.	187.46	176.44	190.46	35.5	33.8	38.4	5.28	5.22	4.96

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	OCTOBER 1981	SEPTEMBER 1981	OCTOBER 1980	Net Change SEPTEMBER 1981	Net Change OCTOBER 1980
TOTAL	199.5	199.5	200.1	0	-0.6
Manufacturing	52.1	52.8	52.5	-0.7	-0.4
Durable Goods	15.0	15.2	14.9	-0.2	+0.1
Lumber (except furniture)	1.3	1.3	1.1	0	+0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	.8	.8	.7	0	+0.1
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-0.1
Machinery (except elec.)	2.1	2.2	2.1	-0.1	0
All Other	9.8	9.9	9.9	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.1	37.6	37.6	-0.5	-0.5
Food Products	4.3	4.4	4.4	-0.1	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Apparel	7.9	8.3	8.3	-0.4	-0.4
Printing and Publishing	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
All Other	20.4	20.4	20.4	0	0
Nonmanufacturing	147.4	146.7	147.6	+0.7	-0.2
Mining	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+0.1
Construction	10.9	11.0	10.8	-0.1	+0.1
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Util.	8.2	8.2	8.1	0	+0.1
Trade	42.9	42.6	41.4	+0.3	+1.5
Wholesale	10.7	10.5	11.0	+0.2	-0.3
Wholesale Durable Goods	6.6	6.5	6.6	+0.1	0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.0	4.4	+0.1	-0.3
Retail	32.2	32.1	30.4	+0.1	+1.8
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8.0	8.0	8.1	0	-0.1
Service	31.9	31.8	31.3	+0.1	+0.6
Government	43.2	43.4	46.3	-0.2	-3.1
Federal	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+0.1
State & Local	33.2	33.4	36.4	-0.2	-3.2

Includes Anderson, Blount, Knox and Union Counties, Tennessee and all of Oak Ridge.

MEMPHIS SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural employment in the Memphis SMSA went up a slight 100 between September and October to 356,900 persons. Manufacturing had only one increase--all other nondurable goods added 100 (2.1%) with a recall from layoff. Significant losses included nonelectrical machinery (500, or 11.6%) where poor business resulted in layoffs this month, and paper products (300, or 4.6%) due to a seasonal slump. The nonmanufacturing sector's only significant decrease occurred in construction, which dropped 400 (2.6%) in October. The biggest increase was posted by retail trade, where the opening of new stores resulted in 900 additional jobs--a 1.4% increase. School employment meant a gain of 700 (1.5%) to state and local government between months.

OVER THE YEAR Total employment is down 2,100 (0.6%) over the year due to poor economic conditions in the area. Manufacturing losses were led by nonelectrical machinery (1,400, or 26.9%) where high interest rates have hurt the business. Other major decreases occurred in paper prodycts (500, or 7,5%) and lumber (?00, or 7.1%). Sector gains of 100 each were posted by bakery products, apparel, chemicals and all other nondurable goods. On the nonmanufacturing side, retail trade picked up 2,300 (3.6%) over the year, followed by services which added 1,200 (1.6%). Losses were posted by construction (1,400, or 8.6%); transportation, communication and public utilities (400, or 1.5%); wholesale trade (600, or 1.8%); and government (800, or 1.2%).

UNEMPLOYMENT The Memphis area labor force picked up 1,000 members (0.2%) to total 407,300 during October, while the number employed dropped 900 (0.2%). This pushed the unemployment total up 1,900 and made the rate jump from September's 8.2 percent to 8.6 percent in October. A year ago the rate was 5.8 percent of a labor force totaling 391,900 persons.

HOURS AND EARNINGS A drop in average weekly earnings of $3.86 to $307.09 was the result of a 0.4 hour shorter workweek with $.02 less earned per hour. The durable goods sector posted a decrease of $.06 in average hourly earnings while average weekly hours remained static. Nondurable goods average earnings fell only $.01 and average hours dropped 0.8 hour.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	October 1981	September 1981	October 1980	Change From: September 1981 Net	September 1981 %	October 1980 Net	October 1980 %
Civilian Labor Force	407.3	406.3	391.9	+1.0	+0.2	+15.4	+ 3.9
Unemployment	35.1	33.2	22.9	+1.9	+5.7	+12.2	+53.3
Percent of Labor Force	8.6	8.2	5.8	~	~	~	~
Total Employment	372.2	373.1	369.0	-0.9	-0.2	+3.2	+0.9

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

October 1981: 0
September 1981: 0
October 1980 : 100

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Weekly Hours Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Hourly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980
All Manufacturing	$307.09	$310.95	$287.83	40.1	40.7	40.2	$7.62	$7.64	$7.16
Durable Goods	266.21	266.36	262.28	39.2	39.2	39.8	6.74	6.80	6.59
Lumber & Wood Products	190.04	185.48	190.27	36.0	35.6	35.9	5.28	5.21	5.30
Furniture and Fixtures	200.46	203.48	196.59	39.0	37.2	41.3	5.14	5.47	4.76
Nondurable Goods	346.93	353.21	313.43	41.4	42.2	40.6	8.38	8.37	7.72
Food and Kindred Prod.	353.60	357.70	308.32	42.5	43.2	41.0	8.32	8.28	7.52
Paper and Allied Prod.	330.00	329.15	312.26	42.2	44.3	42.6	7.82	7.43	7.33
Chemicals and Allied Prod.	389.36	423.49	366.27	42.6	45.1	41.2	9.14	9.39	8.89

MONTHLY REPORT ON LABOR TURNOVER RATES

	ACCESSION RATES TOTAL Oct. 1981	TOTAL Sept. 1981	NEW HIRES Oct. 1981	NEW HIRES Sept. 1981	SEPARATION RATES TOTAL Oct. 1981	TOTAL Sept. 1981	QUITS Oct. 1981	QUITS Sept. 1981	LAYOFFS Oct. 1981	LAYOFFS Sept. 1981
All Manufacturing	1.7	2.2	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.2	0.5	1.6	1.2	1.0
Durable Goods	1.6	2.2	0.9	1.7	1.7	1.2	0.4	1.5	0.8	1.0
Lumber	1.2	1.3	0.6	1.3	2.4	5.2	0.4	1.1	1.3	3.0
Furniture	1.8	3.1	0.4	2.1	1.8	5.3	0.7	3.3	0.3	0.8
Nonelectric Mach.	1/									
Nondurable Goods	1.8	2.1	1.2	1.6	2.5	3.1	0.6	1.3	1.4	1.0
Food	2.5	2.8	2.1	2.2	1.8	3.3	0.8	1.7	0.3	0.6
Paper	1.3	2.6	0.8	2.0	5.6	2.5	0.7	0.8	4.1	0.5
Chemicals	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.7	2.3	2.3	0.6	1.2	1.7	0.4

1/Information not available

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	October 1981	September 1981	October 1980	Net Change September 1981	Net Change October 1980
TOTAL	356.9	356.8	359.0	+0.1	-2.1
Manufacturing	58.0	59.0	60.5	-1.0	-2.5
Durable Goods	24.9	25.6	27.1	-0.7	-2.2
Lumber (except furniture)	2.6	2.7	2.8	-0.1	-0.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	1.1	1.2	1.4	-0.1	-0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.4	5.5	-0.1	-0.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	3.8	4.3	5.2	-0.5	-1.4
Electrical Machinery	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
All Other	6.7	6.7	7.0	0	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	33.1	33.4	33.4	-0.3	-0.3
Food Products	9.1	9.1	9.2	0	-0.1
Bakery Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+0.1
Apparel	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+0.1
Paper Products	6.2	6.5	6.7	-0.3	-0.5
Printing and Publishing	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	0
Chemicals	6.9	7.0	6.8	-0.1	+0.1
All Other	4.9	4.8	4.8	+0.1	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	298.9	297.8	298.5	+1.1	+0.4
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.2	+0.1	0
Construction	14.9	15.3	16.3	-0.4	-1.4
Trans., Comm. and Pub. Util.	26.6	26.7	27.0	-0.1	-0.4
Trade	98.3	97.3	98.6	+1.0	+1.7
Wholesale	32.5	32.4	33.1	+0.1	-0.6
Wholesale Durable Goods	19.3	19.3	19.6	0	-0.3
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.1	13.5	+0.1	-0.3
Retail	65.8	64.9	65.5	+0.9	+2.3
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	19.2	19.3	19.1	-0.1	+0.1
Service	74.8	73.6	73.6	+0.2	+1.2
Government	64.9	64.1	65.7	+0.8	-0.8
Federal	16.3	16.2	16.5	+0.1	-0.2
State & Local	48.6	47.9	49.2	+0.7	-0.6

Includes Shelby and Tipton Counties, Tennessee and Crittendon County, Arkansas

NASHVILLE SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Employment in Nashville area schools and colleges which reopened in late September is reflected in the 600 person (0.2%) increase (to 356,900) in total nonagricultural employment this month. Manufacturing had three increasing industries--all other durable goods (1.4%), food products (1.4%) and printing and publishing (0.9%) each added 100 persons. Significant decreases included machinery (300, or 2.3%), transportation (200, or 2.2%) and apparel (200, or 3.6%). These losses were a combination of seasonal factors and economic conditions. The nonmanufacturing sector had only one decrease--retail trade dropped 2,000 (3.9%) due to reduced consumer buying. The largest gain was posted by the service industry (1,900, or 2.6%), where private schools and college employment is reported. Other gains came in state and local government (900, or 1.7%), reflecting public schools employment, and wholesale durable goods (300, or 1.7%).

OVER THE YEAR A slightly improved economy is indicated by the addition of 500 jobs (0.1%) since last October to total nonag employment. The biggest single increase occurred in services, where increased demand for medical, educational and personal services pushed that industry's employment up 2,000 (2.1%) over the year. Other significant increases included 1,200 (6.7%) in wholesale durable goods and, on the manufacturing side, leather rose 900 (19.1%) and transportation, communication and public utilities added 700 (8.3%). Major decreases in nonmanufacturing include retail trade (4,200, or 8.3%) and state and local government (2,300, or 4.3%). The only manufacturing loss occurred in fabricated metal products, which dropped 200 (3.1%) during the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT Nashville's labor force rose 800 between months to 422,100. The total number employed, however, fell 600 during the period pushing the unemployment rate up 0.3 percent to 6.3 percent. In October, 1980, unemployment was 5.4 percent of a 412,600 member labor force.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Nashville's average weekly earnings showed little change from the previous month's figure of $307.50, dropping $1.23 to $306.27. Durable goods dropped from $318.35 to $315.15. while nondurable goods increased from $296.94 to $293.28. The largest cell fluctuation occurred in textile mill products which had increases in average weekly hours and average hourly earnings of 4.3 hours and $.20 per hour, respectively.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Changes From: Sept. 1981 Net	Sept. 1981 %	Oct. 1980 Net	Oct. 1980 %
Civilian Labor Force	422.1	421.3	412.6	0.8	0.2	9.5	2.3
Unemployment	26.6	25.2	22.4	1.4	5.6	4.2	18.8
Percent of Labor Force	6.3	6.0	5.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment*	395.5	396.1	390.2	-0.6	-0.2	5.3	1.4

*Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Weekly Hours Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Average Hourly Earnings Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980
All Manufacturing	$306.27	$307.50	$270.80	41.0	41.0	40.0	$7.47	$7.50	$6.77
Durable Goods	315.15	318.35	279.79	40.3	40.4	39.8	7.82	7.88	7.03
Nondurable Goods	296.94	293.28	259.69	42.0	41.6	40.2	7.07	7.05	6.46
Food and Kind. Prod.	328.20	344.01	252.70	40.0	41.8	35.0	8.23	8.23	7.22
Printing & Publishing	322.27	324.82	280.06	41.1	40.4	39.5	7.84	8.04	7.09

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Net Change Sept. 1981	Net Change Oct. 1980
TOTAL	356.9	356.3	356.4	0.6	0.5
Manufacturing	82.2	82.8	78.4	-0.6	3.8
Durable Goods	41.1	41.6	39.1	-0.5	2.0
Lumber (except furniture)	1.8	1.8	1.5	0	0.3
Furniture & Fixtures	4.0	4.0	3.6	0	0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	6.1	6.4	6.5	-0.1	-0.2
Machinery	12.6	12.9	12.0	-0.3	0.6
Transportation Equipment	9.1	9.3	8.4	-0.2	0.7
All Other	7.3	7.2	7.1	0.1	0.2
Nondurable Goods	41.1	41.2	39.3	-0.1	1.8
Food Products	7.1	7.0	7.0	0.1	0.1
Textiles Mill Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	0.1
Apparel	5.3	5.5	5.1	-0.2	0.2
Printing and Publishing	11.2	11.1	10.8	0.1	0.4
Petroleum and Rubber	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	0.1
Leather	5.6	5.7	4.7	-0.1	0.9
All Other	6.4	6.5	6.4	0	0
Nonmanufacturing	274.7	273.5	278.0	1.2	-3.3
Construction	16.8	16.8	17.0	0	-0.2
Trans., Comm. & Public Util.	18.4	18.3	18.9	0.1	-0.5
Trade	77.8	79.5	79.9	-1.7	-2.1
Wholesale	26.9	26.6	26.8	0.3	2.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	18.0	17.7	16.8	0.1	1.2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	8.9	8.9	8.0	0	0.9
Retail	50.9	52.9	55.1	-2.0	-4.2
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	24.0	24.0	24.5	0	-0.5
Service and Miscellaneous	75.7	73.8	73.7	1.9	2.0
Government	62.0	61.1	64.0	0.9	-2.0
Federal	9.1	9.1	8.8	0	0.3
State and Local	52.9	52.0	55.2	0.9	-2.3

TRI-CITIES SMSA

EMPLOYMENT At 136,300 persons, Tri-Cities nonagricultural employment is down 600 (0.4%) from the September total. Both sectors showed decreases for the month--mnaufacturing dropped 400 and nonmanufacturing 200. The largest manufacturing decrease was in food products, which experienced a seasonal drop of 200 (5.4%). Losses of 100 each were posted by lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures; and by metal products. There were no increasing industries in the sector. On the nonmanufacturing side, retail trade went up a slight 200 (0.8%) for the only increase, while construction's loss of 200 (2.9%) was the biggest decrease during the month. Smaller losses of 100 each were recorded in services and government.

OVER THE YEAR - Tri-Cities' employment has fallen 1,600 (1.2%) since last October, indicating that while the economy has improved slightly during the year, conditions are still considerably worse than a year ago. One big reason for the employment drop was the 1,900 person (7.5%) decrease in government--caused by layoffs at Phipps Bend and program cutbacks. Other significant changes in nonmanufacturing are the addition of 700 (4.0%) in services employment because of a new hospital' and the loss of 400 (5.6%) to construction, an industry hard-hit by the interest rate situation. Among manufacturing industries, significant gains were reported by primary and fabricated metal products (300, or 5.0%) and apparel (200, or 4.6%), both of which are experiencing a small degree of economic recovery. The only decrease of more than 100 was in printing and publishing, which dropped 200 (3.2%) over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT Both the labor force and employment totals fell during the month--the labor force dropped 1,100 (0.6%) to 183,100 while employment declined 1,300 (0.8%) to 170,200. Accordingly, the unemployment rate rose 0.1 percent to 7.0 percent in October. A year ago, the rate was 5.9 percent of a 181,900 member labor force.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Net Change Sept. 1981	Net Change Oct. 1980
TOTAL	136.3	136.9	137.9	- .6	- 1.6
Manufacturing	53.5	53.9	53.2	- .4	+ .3
Durable Goods	19.9	20.1	19.7	- .2	+ .2
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	1.5	1.6	1.5	- .1	0
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- .1
Primary Metals and Fabricated Metal Products	6.1	6.4	6.0	- .1	+ .1
All Other Durable Goods	10.2	10.2	10.2	0	0
Nondurable Goods	33.6	33.8	33.5	- .2	+ .1
Food Products	3.5	3.7	3.5	- .2	0
Textile Mill Products	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Apparel	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ .2
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	6.0	6.0	6.2	0	- .2
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.6	16.6	16.5	0	.1
Nonmanufacturing	82.8	83.0	84.7	- .2	- 1.9
Construction	6.7	6.9	7.1	- .2	- .4
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	5.6	5.6	5.8	0	- .2
Trade	23.9	23.7	23.9	+ .2	0
Wholesale	5.7	5.7	5.8	0	- .1
Retail	18.2	18.0	18.1	+ .2	+ .1
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
Services	18.3	18.4	17.6	- .1	+ .7
Government	23.6	23.7	25.5	- .1	- 1.9
All Other Nonmanufacturing	.3	.3	.4	0	- .1

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	TENNESSEE PORTION Oct. 1981	TENNESSEE PORTION Sept. 1981	TENNESSEE PORTION Oct. 1980	VIRGINIA PORTION Oct. 1981	VIRGINIA PORTION Sept. 1981	VIRGINIA PORTION Oct. 1980
TOTAL	107.1	107.2	109.2	29.2	29.5	28.7
Manufacturing	44.1	44.3	43.8	9.4	9.6	9.4
Durable Goods	15.3	15.3	15.1	4.6	4.8	4.6
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	1.3	1.3	1.2	.2	.2	.3
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.6	1.6	1.7	.3	.3	.3
Primary Metals and Fabricated Metal Products	4.2	4.2	3.9	2.1	2.2	2.1
All Other Durable Goods	8.2	8.2	8.3	2.0	2.1	1.9
Nondurable Goods	28.8	29.0	28.7	4.8	4.8	4.8
Food Products	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.6
Textile Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	.2	.2	.2
Apparel	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.0	1.9	2.1
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	5.5	5.5	5.7	.5	.5	.5
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.1	16.2	16.1	.5	.5	.4
Nonmanufacturing	63.0	63.1	65.4	19.8	19.9	19.3
Construction	5.3	5.4	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.3
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	4.3	4.4	4.6	1.3	1.3	1.2
Trade	16.9	16.8	17.1	7.0	6.9	6.8
Wholesale	4.0	4.0	4.0	1.7	1.7	1.8
Retail	12.9	12.8	13.1	5.3	5.2	5.0
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	3.4	3.4	3.4	1.0	1.0	1.0
Services	14.8	14.8	14.2	3.5	3.6	3.4
Government	18.3	18.3	20.2	5.3	5.4	5.1
All Other Nonmanufacturing	0	0	.1	.3	.3	.3

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Changes From: Sept. 1981 Net	Sept. 1981 %	Oct. 1980 Net	Oct. 1980 %
Civilian Labor Force	183.1	184.2	181.9	-1.1	-0.6	+1.2	+ .7
Unemployment	12.9	12.7	10.7	+0.2	+1.6	+2.2	+20.6
Percent of Labor Force	7.0	6.9	5.9				
Total Employment	170.2	171.5	171.2	-1.3	-0.8	-1.0	- 0.6

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	TENNESSEE PORTION Oct. 1981	TENNESSEE PORTION Sept. 1981	TENNESSEE PORTION Oct. 1980	VIRGINIA PORTION Oct. 1981	VIRGINIA PORTION Sept. 1981	VIRGINIA PORTION Oct. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	144.0	145.1	141.9	39.1	39.1	40.0
Unemployment	10.8	10.5	8.3	2.1	2.2	2.4
Percent of Labor Force	7.5	7.2	5.9	5.6	5.6	6.0
Total Employment**	133.2	134.6	133.6	37.0	36.9	37.6

**Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS AND URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS,
U. S. CITY AVERAGE (1967=100) UNADJUSTED
OCTOBER 1981

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			URBAN WAGE EARNERS & CLERICAL WORKERS		
	Index Oct. 1981	Unadjusted Percent Change to Oct. 1981 from Oct. 1980	Sept. 1981	Index Oct. 1981	Unadjusted Percent Change to Oct. 1981 from Oct. 1980	Sept. 1981
ALL ITEMS	279.9	10.2	0.2	279.7	10.1	0.2
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100	325.5	-	-	325.3	-	-
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	270.3	5.8	-0.1	270.7	5.5	- 0.1
HOUSING 1/	303.5	12.0	-0.1	303.3	11.9	- 0.1
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	191.5	4.1	0.4	190.6	4.3	0.1
TRANSPORTATION	287.2	12.1	0.7	288.9	12.6	0.8
MEDICAL CARE	304.8	11.7	1.0	304.0	10.8	1.0
ENTERTAINMENT 1/	225.5	6.9	0.7	223.4	6.8	0.9
OTHER GOODS AND SERV.	245.2	10.7	0.9	241.4	9.8	0.9
SPECIAL GROUPS:						
COMMODITIES	257.9	7.1	0.1	258.4	7.3	0.1
SERVICES	318.6	14.6	0.4	319.2	14.6	0.5
PURCHASING POWER OF THE CONSUMER DOLLAR:						
1967=$1.00	$.357	- 9.4	-0.3	$.358	- 9.1	0
1957-59=$1.00	$.307	-	-	$.307	-	-

1/ Index series has undergone a change in title and/or definition.

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